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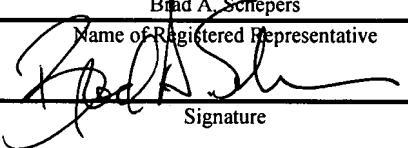
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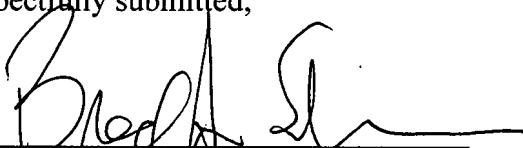
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Following are brief statements of relevance for each of the non-English references cited in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. German Patent No. DE 3736604 A1 appears to disclose an instrument 20 having one or more expandable portions 18, 19. (See Figures 1 and 2). French Patent No. FR 15864 appears to disclose an instrument having a balloon-type expandable distal end portion that is expandable via air pressure. (See Figures 1-3).

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Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES
Fee Description

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)		200	100
Multiple dependent claims		360	180

<u>Total Claims</u>	<u>Extra Claims</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee Paid (\$)</u>	<u>Multiple Dependent Claims</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee Paid (\$)</u>
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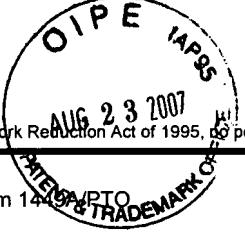
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